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**196th COVID-19-related Fatality Reported; COVID-19 Booster Shots Now Available;
COVID-19 Updates: 66 Hospitalized; 192 of 1,386 Test Positive**

196th COVID-19-related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's 196th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital on September 28, 2021. The patient was a 59-year-old male, unvaccinated, with underlying health conditions who was a known positive case.

“Each person that we lose to COVID-19 is one too many, and our hearts go out to their families and friends during their time of grieving,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “In this fight, we must use all the tools at our disposal, including masks, social distancing, vaccination, and even COVID-19 treatment.”

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE. Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. Seek emergency medical care immediately or call 911 if you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face.

Individuals who are sick are advised to:

- Stay home, except to seek medical care. Call ahead before visiting the clinic/doctor.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea and/or diarrhea.

Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19. While waiting for test results, you should stay away from others, including staying apart from those living in your household.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Shots Now Available

Booster Shots are now available at the University of Guam Calvo Field House for people who had a normal immune response to the first two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, but because of time, antibody levels are beginning to wane. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only FDA authorized vaccine to administer as a booster. The following groups of people are eligible for a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech if they completed the Pfizer-BioNTech series (first two doses) and it has been 6 months or more since the second dose:

- Anyone age 65+
- Anyone age 18 - 64 with underlying medical conditions
- Anyone 18 - 64 with an elevated risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to their occupation (healthcare workers, law enforcement, fire, K-12 teachers and support staff, university faculty, daycare employees, food and agriculture workers, manufacturing workers, USPS workers, corrections workers, public transit workers, grocery store workers)

If eligible, please make your Booster Shot appointment at tinyurl.com/vaxguam. Walk-ins are accepted but should be prepared for longer wait times. Please see below for clinic hours:

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson		
October 1 – 2	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 4:30 p.m.
September 30 - October 2	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Micronesia Mall, 2nd Floor, Above Center Court, Dededo Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will expedite. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is at 6 p.m.
October 1	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

66 Hospitalized for COVID-19 – 35 Unvaccinated

CENSUS as of 6 p.m	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	32	31	3	66
ICU	10	6	1	17
Ventilator	7	3	0	10
Vaccination Status	15 UNVACCINATED	20 UNVACCINATED	UNAVAILABLE	35 UNVACCINATED

COVID-19 Test Results: 192 New Cases of COVID-19

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **192** new cases of COVID-19 out of **1,386** tests performed on September 28. **76** cases were identified through contact tracing. To date, there have been a total of **14,897** officially reported cases, **196** deaths, **3,530** cases in active isolation, and **11,171** not in active isolation. The CAR Score is **22.9**.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING SCHEDULE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED		
September 30 - October 2	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada Rapid antigen testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Four per vehicle. No symptoms are needed. Bring a photo ID.
October 1	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, Inalåhan Rapid antigen testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Four per vehicle. No symptoms are needed. Bring a photo ID.

For more information, visit dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing.

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of September 27, **95** additional residents received their first dose in a two-dose series, **18** residents received their dose in the single-dose series, and an additional **210** residents have become fully vaccinated. To date, a total of **119,227 (87.48%)** of Guam's eligible population (residents 12 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This percentage includes **10,597** fully vaccinated residents between the ages of 12 – 17, and **108,630** fully vaccinated adults.

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